

COVID-19 Work Group – Community Update 4 – May 4, 2020  
We are working diligently to keep our community safe and healthy

Everything is going as well as can be expected, however we ask that you continue to stay vigilant with hand-washing and maintaining Social / Physical Distance. Travel only for essential needs, such as groceries or prescriptions, call and check on your neighbors. Obtain information from reliable sources. If you feel well, have no symptoms or fever, you should still remain at home, as much as possible, but also go for walks, drives, exercise or anything you normally would. If you are sick, stay at home. However, we still need to remain removed from potential exposures, while having increased communication with our families, children, friends and neighbors.

A sweet and enjoyable game is being played around the world and throughout our nation to comfort and entertain children during the current pandemic. You can participate too. All you have to do is put a teddy bear (or other stuffed animal) or a picture/drawing of a rainbow, in a window, on a porch or in a yard that faces a road. Please feel free to be as creative as you wish with these displays and if you have a child at home, get them involved too! When kids are out for a walk or drive, they can see how many teddy bears, stuffed animals or rainbows they can find! These fun displays send a message to children and adults alike "We're here. We're all connected. We're all going to get through this together. Even if, for the moment, we have to stay far apart."

**Resident Birthday Reminders!**

If you or someone you know is having a birthday, Cummington Fire and Police would like to join in the celebration!! Please contact either the Police Business Line (413.634.0056) or the Fire Business Line (413.634.0333) and give us the details! We'd love to come celebrate!

Food pantry distribution is available to Cummington residents at the RH Conwell School in Worthington. Food pick-ups are on Thursdays from 1-1:30. Please call/text 238-1999 or email relief@worthington-ma.us by 10am Thursday to pick-up that day. Delivery available.

Cummington CERT and Community Help Network are continuing to offer prescription pick-up and delivery as needed for Cummington and Worthington residents. Also local grocery deliveries on Tuesdays and Fridays. Orders must be in by Monday and Thursday by 2pm. Please email cummingtoncertcvhelp@gmail.com or call 634-5452 to arrange a delivery.

Currently the Town of Cummington has 1 case of confirmed COVID-19.

**Town Caucus, Election and Meeting**

Caucus will be held on the side lawn of the Community House this coming Monday, May 11th at 7:00pm. We will set up under the pavilion at Pettingill Park if it is raining. The Annual Town Meeting will be held on June 19, venue to be determined. The Caucus is held each year for the purpose of nominating candidates for Town Office, to be elected at a Town Election scheduled for June 29. In order for Caucus to commence, a minimum of 25 registered voters need to be present. So, if you feel comfortable venturing out, please join us! Chairs will be spaced at a minimum six foot distance and we ask that folks please bring a mask to wear. If you would like to better understand the rules and guidelines we are following, please check the following links:

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/march-23-2020-essential-services-and-revised-gatherings-order/download>

<https://www.mass.gov/doc/may-1-2020-masks-and-face-coverings/download>

Current Status of Town Services - Closed - until May 18, re-open to be determined - Pettingill Park (Open for Caucus only); Community House; Berkshire Trail; Safety Complex; Bryant Free Library. Open - Transfer Station – Wed. 5:30-7:30; Sat. 7:00-11:00; Post Office 9:00-12:00, 1:00-4:00; Sat. 9-12.

Cummington Emergency Services (Police & Fire) stand equipped and ready to respond to emergency and non-emergency calls for service. During this time some protocols have changed, they will be donning personal protective equipment (PPE), limiting the amount of personal interaction, all with the focus on keeping responders and our community safe. If you have information about a case or possible case of COVID-19 please reach out to the Cummington Board of Health at (413) 634.0056 or via email: boh@cummington-ma.gov. They have the authority and means to follow any leads brought to their attention.

If at any time, you have questions or concerns, please reach out to the COVID-19 Workgroup through the Police Department Business Line at (413) 634-0056. To report emergencies, please DIAL 911. Residents who are not connected to the Town's Reverse 911 Call System or Robo Calls and wish to be added may send an email to: Selectboard@cummington-ma.gov or call 413.634.5354 with your complete Name, Address and Phone Number ( Cell or Home).

Stay Safe, Make Healthy Choices and Please Connect with Family, Friends and Neighbors during this difficult and stressful time. We are all navigating this situation together.

The Cummington COVID-19 Workgroup

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